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The sixty-seven Day of the Israeli aggression against Palestine

Daily Report on the Effects of the Israeli Aggression in Palestine

From October 7 until December 12, 2023

Some of the information contained in this report is as of Monday evening, 11 10h of December 2023.

The Emergency Operations Center at the Ministry of Health in Ramallah supervises the data collection process through its offices in Gaza. Numbers are updated every 24 hours. These numbers reflect confirmed statistics only but do not necessarily reflect all victims due to the fact that many victims are still missing under the rubble.

Current Situation:

Health System:

- Between October 7 and December 11, at least 18,000 Palestinians were martyred in the Gaza Strip, according to data from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, about 70% of whom were women and children. More than 49,000 people are reported to have been injured, with large number missing.
- On December 11, Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahiya was hit, resulting in two mothers martyred and several injured and about 3,000 forcibly displaced persons (FDPs) are trapped inside with severe shortages of water, food, and power reported.
- On December 11, Israeli occupation forces called for the evacuation of Palestinian residents north of Wadi Gaza through a designated corridor. Continues attacks towards FDPs were reported in the Salah Ad Deen areas located north and east of Khan Younis city. f
- Tens of thousands of FDPs in Rafah face extreme overcrowding, with aid distribution centers experiencing high demand for food, water, shelter, health, and protection.
- Aid distribution largely stopped in most of Gaza due to Israeli aggression and restrictions of movement. On December 11, 100 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies entered Gaza from Egypt, below the daily average of 500 truckloads recorded before October 7.

- On December 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) executive board adopted a resolution by consensus addressing the dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza, emphasizing immediate, unimpeded aid deliveries.
- On December 11, 33 injured people and 461 dual nationals were evacuated from Gaza to Egypt, bringing the total number of wounded Palestinians and medical cases evacuated since October 7 to 463 and 530, respectively.

Major Events:

- Palestinian Journalist Syndicate reports 81 Palestinian journalists and media workers martyred in Israeli airstrikes since October 7.
- Israeli occupation forces detained hundreds of men, boys, women, and girls, subjecting them to harsh treatment during their passage of the designated " safe corridors" . Shockingly, reports have surfaced detailing instances of sexual harassment and threats of rape among the released detainees, especially women and girls. This violation of human rights further exacerbates the already dire humanitarian situation, necessitating urgent attention and intervention to address these grave abuses.
- Security Council envoys visit Rafah Crossing, the only open entry point into Gaza, on December 11 to assess the humanitarian situation.
- The Gaza Strip has remained under an electricity blackout since October 11, significantly impacting critical services.

Population and Displacement:

- As of 11 December, according to UNRWA, almost 1.9 million people in Gaza, or nearly 85 % of the population, were estimated to be forcibly displaced. Nearly 1.2 million of these FDPs were registered in 154 UNRWA facilities across Gaza, of whom about one million are registered in 94 UNRWA shelters in the south.
- On average, UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas are currently hosting nine times the planned number of FDPs.
- Obtaining an accurate count is challenging, given difficulties including in tracking FDPs staying with host families, the movement of FDPs following evacuation orders since 1 December, and the evacuation of five UNRWA shelters in eastern Khan Younis on 6 December.

- Since December 1st, various areas, comprising nearly 30% of the Gaza Strip, have been marked for forcible displacement by the Israeli Occupation.

Public Health catastrophe:

- The remains of Gaza civilians, either buried beneath the rubble or left unattended due to the actions of Israeli occupation forces, are now undergoing decomposition in the streets and beneath the rubbles. This disturbing situation poses an imminent and significant risk of a public health crisis.
- The lack of formula for babies in the current situation poses a severe risk of starvation and dehydration, contributing to a public health crisis.
- Due to the overcrowding and poor sanitary conditions at UNRWA shelters in the south, there have been significant increases in some communicable diseases and conditions such as diarrhea, acute respiratory infections, skin infections and hygiene-related conditions like lice.
- The health conditions of FDPs outside UNRWA shelters are unclear, posing a public health risk due to limited access to medication, health facilities, and proper hygiene sources.
- On December 8th, the Gaza Municipality reported sewage flowing in the streets as pumping stations ceased operations due to a lack of fuel. Almost all water wells had also stopped working for the same reasons.
- Vulnerable groups face challenging shelter conditions, including people with disabilities, pregnant and breastfeeding women, individuals recovering from injuries or surgeries, and those with weakened immune systems.
- Efforts for children vaccination are minimal. since 4th of November, only 12,000 children have received vaccinations in UNRWA shelters.
- As temperatures drop and winter takes hold, the urgent need for blankets, warm clothing, and suitable shelters becomes critical. The heightened risk of diseases during these cold conditions, coupled with the ongoing displacement crisis, poses a severe threat to public health and well-being.

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Destroyed Buildings:

- Exact numbers of destroyed buildings are unavailable due to continued bombings.
- Latest updates indicate over 60% of housing units destroyed, exacerbating health vulnerabilities.

The West Bank, including Jerusalem:

- Since October 7, (279)Palestinians have been martyred in the West Bank, including Jerusalem. The year 2023 is the bloodiest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since 2005.
- Since 7 October, Israeli occupation forces have injured 3,431 Palestinians, including at least 535 children. An additional 84 Palestinians have been injured by settlers.
- Attacks on hospitals, health centers, and ambulances increase in the West Bank, limiting access to basic healthcare services.
- Settler attacks continue, with 331 incidents recorded since 7 October, resulting in casualties and damage to Palestinian-owned property.
- Since 7 October, at least 143 Palestinian households comprising 1,014 people, including 388 children, have been displaced amid settler violence and access restrictions.

Urgent Needs:

- Immediate cessation of Israeli brutal war against Palestinian civilians.
- Urgent implementation of international humanitarian laws protecting health institutions and civilians.
- Immediate and unconditional entry of humanitarian and health supplies into Gaza.
- Halt forcible displacement of civilians.
- Urgent support for search and rescue operations.

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